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Adjourned.

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OF THE PACIFIC, HELD IN THE LECTURE HALL OF THE CALIFORNIA ACADEMY OF SCIENCES, JANUARY 31, 1903, AT 8 P.M.

President Perrine presided. The minutes of the last meeting were approved.

The following papers were presented:—

The Total Light of the Stars, by Dr. S. D. TOWNLEY.

Planetary Phenomena for March aud April, 1903, by Prof. M. McNeill.

The Secretary read the names of new members elected.

Mr. Burckhalter, in behalf of the Comet Medal Committee, presented the Donohoe Comet-Medal to Prof. Perrine for his discovery of Comet *b* 1902.

The President then introduced the lecturer of the evening Dr. S. D. Townley, who gave an account of his recent investigations in reference to the total light of the stars. An abstract of his paper is contained in this number of the *Publications*.

The meeting then adjourned.